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Letter from the Chairperson

"This is not the year of the child but the year of fear, with 2015 already the worst year since 1945 for children being displaced, the worst year for children becoming refugees, the worst year for children seeing their schools attacked."

Gordon Brown, UN Special Envoy for Global Education

While this quote is shocking, the gravity of the continuing worldwide epidemic of displaced children has only entrenched Room to Grow Foundation's commitment to caring for and supporting un-parented children on the Thai-Burma border. In fact, we are particularly proud that 40 percent of our funding in 2015 went towards educational support. Scholarship programs and the provision of school uniforms and transportation helped kids attend and stay in school where they belong.

We are also pleased with our ongoing commitment to health, hygiene, and nutrition programming, which comprised a large part of our funding this year as well. In fact, in 2015 we mainly concentrated on providing snacks to young children to augment their diets. This in itself is progress and contributes so much nutrition to their growing bodies.

We are eternally grateful that our beneficiaries' needs are being met by the generosity of our donors. It may seem a drop in the bucket, but all of your support really means the world to these children. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JA', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Allore, Chairperson

History and Mission

Our mission is to alleviate poverty among un-parented children from Burma who have sought refuge in Thailand.

In 2007, three of us, while working for educational organizations in the refugee camps along the border between Thailand and Burma, struck up friendships with children who were living in boarding houses, and began to work with them to improve their living conditions. Some of these children had left behind families to seek an education, others had lost their families to conflict.

After working with refugee orphans and unaccompanied minors in our free time, we quickly realized that it would take a little more than volunteer work to help the children receive an adequate level of education.

In 2008, Room to Grow was born, focussing mainly on providing food and basic supplies to four boarding houses in two refugee camps: Umphium Mai and Mae Ra Ma Luang. In 2009, our focus expanded to include children who had been orphaned, abandoned, or separated from their families by conflict but who were living outside the refugee camps.

In June 2009, Room to Grow became a registered charity with the Government of Canada.

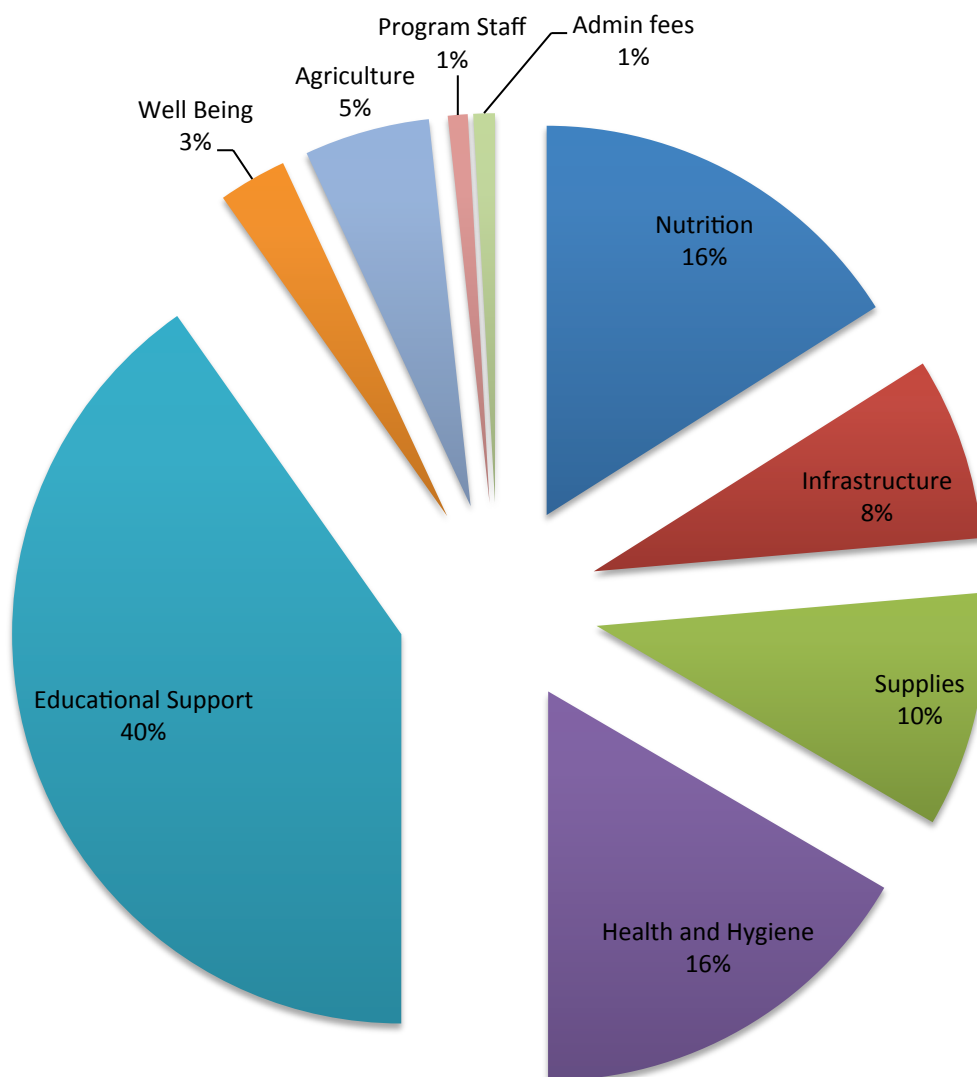
In 2010, Room to Grow began transitioning its focus to migrant children in the Mae Sot area. Our programs improved the lives of over 2,000 children in 15 partner programs. We continued that work in 2011 and 2012 with the help of field staff and our Mae Sot field office.

In 2011, Room to Grow staff Myat Nobel Than and Jennifer Jones formed a team with Khom Loy Development Foundation staff Mark Cox and won the Best Financial Literacy Prize (\$10,000USD) from United Nations Women and Singapore Mastercard.

In 2015, we targeted the most vulnerable of our beneficiaries by focussing on schooling, basic supplies and hygiene. Combined with our more streamlined approach to grant applications, this has enabled us to be more targeted in our approach to caring for un-parented children on the Thai-Burmese border.

Funding priorities in 2015

In 2015, we focused on sending children to Thai schools through the scholarship program – 40 % of our funding towards this endeavour. At 16% each, nutrition, health and hygiene were the next two biggest program expenditures. This was followed by supplies, infrastructure, agriculture and well-being programs. Our administrative expenses made up only 1% of total expenses.

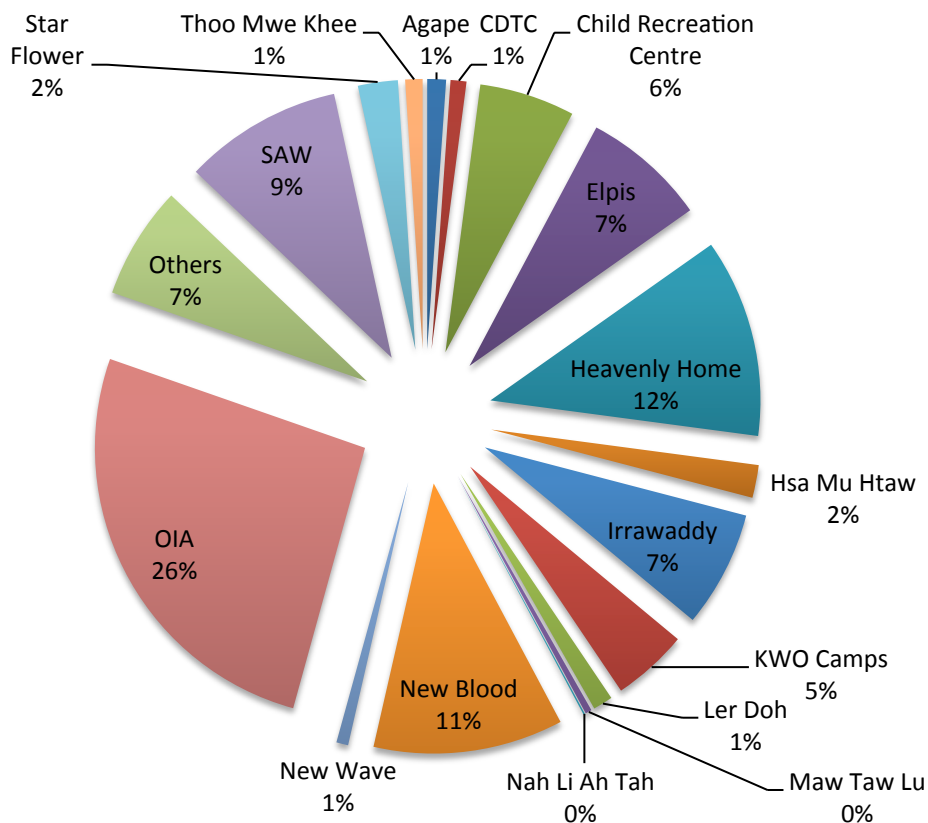


Our Beneficiaries

Once again, we focused on solidifying partnerships. This meant that the bulk of our funding was disbursed to 4 core partners - New Blood, Overseas Irrawaddy Association, Saw Safehouse and Heavenly Home.

We prioritise the needs of children who have been orphaned or abandoned (such as the children at the SAW Safehouse and Heavenly Home), many children with families living in poverty also benefitted from our work on improving well-being and educational conditions.

In total, 800 children in 14 partner programs benefitted from our services in 2015. The breakdown for each partner is shown in the diagram below.



Highlights of Our Programs

NUTRITION

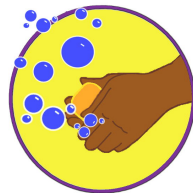
One of our main goals is to combat malnutrition to ensure that children are able to develop to their full potential. We do this by focusing on young children most at risk for stunting. By providing a snack which is nutrient rich, such as fruit and fortified soy milk, or fruit and eggs, we help combat the most common nutrient deficiencies.

SUPPLIES

Each year we conduct a needs survey of children without parents and distribute basic necessities such as underwear, blankets, mosquito nets, shoes, hygiene supplies and feminine hygiene items. These items help to ensure that the children we support are clean, clothed and safe from mosquito-borne diseases, particularly malaria, dengue and zika.

599

children received
hygiene supplies



8

boarding houses
received cleaning
products for their
bathrooms and
kitchens.

85

blankets were
provided



1290

children received
mosquito nets

57

children got a
school uniform to
go to Thai school



87

children received
a pair of shoes

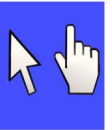
WELL-BEING PROJECTS

This year, we funded a snacks, books, transportation, stationery, and art and craft supplies for a well-being program at the Heavenly Home boarding house, run by the Burma Border Program.

How You Can Help

Room to Grow is able to continue to nourish, educate, and provide opportunities for children only through our many supporters. These people give small or large amounts of money, give their time, their ideas, and their experience to keep Room to Grow a viable and vital organization. There are many ways to help and we always welcome ideas for new ones.

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DONATE

The majority of our funding comes from small private donations from individual donors. Together, those donations form the backbone of our work. Whether it is a small monthly contribution or a onetime donation, every donation counts.

VOLUNTEER

Room to Grow's success is largely due to the work of its many volunteers. Every year, over 100 people are involved, from the locals who feed and shelter children every day to our website guru Jonathon Gianetti who works on the site each month. Some examples of volunteer opportunities included English Teacher placements in migrant schools in Mae Sot or people to collect used children's clothing or toys in their home country to bring to Thailand when traveling there. Please get in touch with us to hear about these and other volunteer opportunities, or to let us know if you have technical expertise that the organization might benefit from.

FUNDRAISE

Looking for a project to benefit from your bake sale or charity event? We excel at connecting communities across the globe and ensuring that people know where their money is going and the impact they have made. Whether you are an individual with a mission, a church or school, or a book club, we'd love to connect you to a project in need.

CONNECT & SHARE

If you like what we are doing, please share our work with others. Connect with us on Facebook, send us an email, forward our emails on. This is how we meet great people who join our team and move us forward. We are a small organization powered by individuals and supported by a network of family and friends and communities that care.

Financial Statement

	<u>THB</u>	<u>CDN</u>	<u>TOTAL CDN</u>
Revenue			
1. Private Donations	฿200,000.00	\$7,054.00	\$14,002.03
2. Income Generation Sales	฿0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Bank interest	฿4,152.94	\$0.00	\$144.27
Total Revenue	฿204,152.94	\$7,054.00	\$14,146.30
Program Expenses			
1. Nutrition	฿169,388.00	\$0.00	\$5,884.56
2. Infrastructure	฿80,267.00	\$0.00	\$2,788.49
3. Supplies	฿103,360.00	\$0.00	\$3,590.74
4. Health and Hygiene	฿175,270.50	\$0.00	\$6,088.92
5. Educational Support	฿424,993.00	\$0.00	\$14,764.32
6. Well Being	฿30,023.00	\$0.00	\$1,043.00
7. Income Generation	฿0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8. Agriculture	฿55,044.00	\$0.00	\$1,912.24
9. Program Staff	฿8,692.00	\$0.00	\$301.96
Total program costs:	฿1,047,037.50	\$0.00	\$36,374.24
Admin Expenses			
1. Office	฿8,801.00	\$39.60	\$345.35
2. Bank Fees	฿634.00	\$63.50	\$85.53
Total Admin Expenses	฿9,435.00	\$103.10	\$430.87
Income			
Balance from 2014	-฿263,742.02	\$67,057.09	\$57,888.40
Revenue in 2015	฿204,152.94	\$7,054.00	\$14,146.30
Expenses			
Admin	฿9,435.00	\$103.10	\$430.87
Program	฿1,047,037.50	\$0.00	\$36,374.24